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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS				DEFENDANTS						
Tajae Bradley				Carvana, LLC						
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Philadelphia, PA (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)				County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Maricopa County, AZ (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)						
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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) See Attachment				Attorneys (If Known) See Attachment						
										
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ATTACHMENT TO COVER SHEET

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DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

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Address of Defendant: 1930 W. Rio Salado Pkway, Tempe, AZ 85281						
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3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action of this court?						
4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights Yes No Verification of the same individual?						
I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is / is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.						
DATE: 06/28/2022	Must sign here Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff	42009 Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)				
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I,Paul G. Gagne	counsel of record <i>or</i> pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify:					
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NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there h	as been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38					

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

TAJAE BRADLEY, individually and as a representative of the Class,)
) Case No.
Plaintiff,	CLASS ACTION
v.) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
CARVANA, LLC)
Defendant.	.)
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CARVANA, LLC

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, 1446 and 1453, Defendant Carvana, LLC ("Carvana"), by and through its counsel, hereby gives notice of removal of this action from the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, stating as follows:

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 1. On or about June 3, 2022, Plaintiff Tajae Bradley ("Plaintiff") filed her Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania captioned *Bradley v. Carvana*, *LLC*, Case ID 220600355. A copy of the Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Plaintiff served Carvana with a copy of the Complaint on June 15, 2022. *See* Summons (Ex. 2).
- Plaintiff alleges she resides in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. See Compl. (Ex.
 ¶ 6.

- 3. Plaintiff further alleges that Carvana is a limited liability company headquartered in Tempe, Arizona. *Id.* \P 7.
- 4. Plaintiff alleges that she purchased a vehicle from Carvana and that Carvana charged her a \$490 transit or delivery charge. *See id.* ¶ 32(c), 38, 39.
- 5. Plaintiff seeks to represent herself as well as a class of "[a]ll persons who purchased a motor vehicle from Carvana, arranged for delivery of the motor vehicle into Pennsylvania, and, within the applicable statute of limitations, were charged an amount purporting to represent a delivery fee or 'Transit Charge.'" *Id.* ¶ 45.
- 6. The Complaint alleges that Carvana violated the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law ("UTPCPL") when it charged Plaintiff and members of the proposed class delivery fees in alleged violation of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Act ("MVSFA"). *Id.* ¶ 54-59.
- 7. The Complaint further alleges that Plaintiff and members of the proposed class conferred a benefit on Carvana by paying monies for delivery fees and that Carvana was unjustly enriched by retaining those fees. *Id.* ¶¶ 60-64.

II. GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL

8. This case is removable, and this Court has jurisdiction over this action under the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d), 1441 and 1453, because (1) this case is a putative class action with more than 100 members in the proposed class, (2) there is minimal diversity, because Carvana and at least one member of the proposed class are citizens of different states, and (3) the Complaint places in controversy an amount that exceeds \$5 million in the aggregate.

A. The Proposed Class Readily Exceeds 100 Members

- 9. For purposes of removal, CAFA requires that the proposed class consist of at least 100 members. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(5). Plaintiff defines the proposed class as "[a]ll persons who purchased a motor vehicle from Carvana, arranged for delivery of the motor vehicle into Pennsylvania, and, within the applicable statute of limitations, were charged an amount purporting to represent a delivery fee or 'Transit Charge.'" *Id.* ¶ 45.
- 10. The proposed class includes more than 100 members, given that information currently available to Carvana shows that from June 3, 2016 through June 3, 2022, more than 100 persons purchased a motor vehicle from Carvana that was delivered into Pennsylvania and paid a delivery or transit charge. *See, e.g., Lincoln Ben. Life Co. v. AEI Life, LLC*, 800 F.3d 99, 107 & n.30 (3d Cir. 2015) (allegations on "information and belief" are sufficient for purposes of removal petition, because removal statute tracks language of Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)). Accordingly, the requirement of 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(5) is satisfied.

B. Minimal Diversity Exists Among The Parties

- 11. For purposes of establishing federal jurisdiction, CAFA requires only minimal diversity, and a defendant need only show that "any member of a class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State different from any defendant." *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A)
- 12. According to the Complaint, Plaintiff is a resident of Pennsylvania. *See* Compl. (Ex. 1) \P 6. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania for purposes of diversity jurisdiction. *See* 28 U.S.C. \S 1332(a)(1). Plaintiff also seeks to represent a class of individuals who arranged for delivery of a motor vehicle into Pennsylvania. *See* Compl. (Ex. 1) \P 45.
- 13. Plaintiff alleges that Carvana is a limited liability company headquartered in Tempe, Arizona. *See* Compl. (Ex. 1) ¶ 7. As alleged, Carvana would be a citizen of the State of

Arizona for purposes of diversity jurisdiction. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(10). Carvana, in fact, is organized under the laws of the State of Arizona and has its principal place of business in the State of Arizona and is thus a citizen of the State of Arizona for purposes of diversity jurisdiction. *See id*.

14. Sufficient diversity of citizenship therefore exists between Plaintiff and Carvana or, alternatively, between at least one other member of the proposed class and Carvana, and removal is proper. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A).

C. The Amount In Controversy Exceeds \$5 Million

- 15. CAFA provides that "[i]n any class action, the claims of the individual class members shall be aggregated to determine whether the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interests and costs." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(6). Where a complaint does not allege a dollar amount, a defendant's notice of removal under CAFA need include "only a plausible allegation that the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional threshold." *Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co., LLC v. Owens*, 574 U.S. 81, 81 (2014).
- 16. Plaintiff seeks actual damages, including a refund in the amount equal to the delivery or transit fees she paid. *See* Compl. (Ex. 1) ¶¶ 59, 64. Plaintiff specifically alleges she was charged \$490.00 in delivery or transit fees. *Id.* ¶ 38. Plaintiff also seeks to represent a class of vehicle purchasers in the six years before Plaintiff initiated this action on or about June 3, 2022. *See id.* ¶ 45. Information currently available to Carvana shows that, from June 3, 2016 through June 3, 2022, more than \$5 million was paid by Carvana customers for delivery or transit fees in connection with the delivery or transit of a motor vehicle into Pennsylvania.
- 17. In addition, Plaintiff seeks treble damages under the UTPCPL. *Id.* at Prayer for Relief(D). It is well-established that "[w]hen both actual and punitive damages are recoverable, punitive damages are properly considered in determining whether the jurisdictional amount has

been satisfied." Neri v. State Farm Fire & Cas. Co., 2019 WL 3821538, at *3 (E.D. Pa. Aug. 13, 2019) (quoting Packard v. Provident Nat'l Bank, 994 F.2d 1039, 1046 (3d Cir. 1993)).

18. Carvana denies any and all liability and contends that Plaintiff's allegations are entirely without merit. For purposes of this Notice of Removal, however, taking Plaintiff's factual and legal allegations as true, the amount-in-controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and satisfies the amount-in-controversy requirement of CAFA. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2).

III. COMPLIANCE WITH REMOVAL STATUTE

- 19. The Notice of Removal was properly filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, because the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania is located in this federal judicial district. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a); 28 U.S.C. § 93(a)(1).
- 20. The Notice of Removal is signed pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a).
- 21. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), attached hereto and marked as Exhibits 1 and 2, are true and correct copies of the Complaint and all process, pleadings, and orders served upon Carvana. *See* Compl. (Ex. 1); Summons (Ex. 2). Carvana has not filed an answer or other response to the Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania and is not aware of any currently pending motions in that court.
- 22. The Complaint was served on Carvana on June 15, 2022. *See* Ex. 2. This Notice of Removal is therefore timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(1).
- 23. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), a copy of this Notice of Removal is being served on counsel for Plaintiff, and a copy, along with a Notice of Filing of the Notice of Removal, is also

being filed with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

today.

24. Carvana reserves the right to amend or supplement this Notice of Removal.

Carvana further reserves all rights and defenses, including those available under Federal Rule of

Civil Procedure and including all rights to move to compel arbitration and/or to enforce a class

waiver provision.

IV. CONCLUSION

Carvana respectfully requests that this Court exercise jurisdiction over this action and enter

orders and grant relief as may be necessary to secure removal and to prevent further proceedings

in this matter in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. Carvana further

requests such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Dated: June 28, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Paul Gagne, hereby certify that I caused a copy of the foregoing to be served on the parties listed below by email and by U.S. mail on June 28, 2022.

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Dated: June 28, 2022

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